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For: METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING MASK BLANK, METHOD FOR
MANUFACTURING TRANSFER MASK, SPUTTERING TARGET FOR
MANUFACTURING MASK BLANK

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- ☒ 2. Relevance of the non-English language references (5-7) is discussed in the present specification.
- ☒ 3. The references (1-4) were cited in the International Search Report. An English language version of the International Search Report is attached for the Examiner's information.
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- ☒ 5. English language Abstracts of the non-English language references (3-7) are attached hereto.

- ☒ 6. A computer-generated English language translation of the following Japanese references has been obtained from the website of the Japanese Patent Office (<http://www.jpo.go.jp>), and is attached, but has not been reviewed for accuracy. See Reference 3-7.

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